

Metropolitan Clinton urged to give LPR status to Bangladeshi aliens

The Bangladesh Society (BS) in New York has appealed to US President Bill Clinton to give Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) status to the undocumented Bangladeshi aliens in the USA by declaring a general amnesty, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club in Dhaka yesterday, the society leaders said over 50,000 illegal Bangladeshi expatriates in the US are passing their days with great uncertainty and anxiety. Narrating the plight of these unlawful aliens, they urged President Clinton to grant them their LPR status from humanitarian points of view as well as in the economic interest of the United States itself. The Bangladeshis are sincere, efficient and hard working people and contributing to the growth

of US economy, they said. The press conference was addressed by the society vice president Mohammed Nazrul Islam, General Secretary Fakhru Alam, Social Welfare Secretary Nazir Sinha and Executive Member Badal Khan. M M Shaheen, former lawmaker and Chairman, Board of Editors of Weekly Thikana, published from New York, also addressed it.

They pointed out that the unlawful aliens of five Central African countries were given LPR status in 1999 through a general amnesty after the visit of President Clinton to those countries. The US President was moved at the sufferings of the people in those countries hit by natural calamities like flood and on return home took administrative steps to declare the general amnesty.

The BS leaders said Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world being ravaged by natural calamities like floods, cyclones and water surge every year. Besides, diarrhoea, malnutrition and recent outbreak of arsenic poisoning have added additional dimension to the sufferings of the people.

Considering these situations, they urged President Clinton to take similar view as in the case of Central American countries and give LPR status to the unlawful Bangladeshi aliens.

The BS leaders also urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Prof. Mohammad Yunus of Grameen Bank and Fazley Hasan Abed of BRAC to take up the issue with President Clinton during his visit to Bangladesh.

New mobile van to be launched today

A new means of transportation, designed and built by local and foreign experts to generate youth employment in all parts of Bangladesh, will be presented to the public at a ceremony in the city today, reports BSS.

The presentation ceremony of the transport, named Anando Bahini Mobile Van stemming from a traditional rickshaw, will be joined by German Ambassador Uwe Schramm at Anando's Training Centre in the city, a press release of the German Embassy said yesterday.

The mobile van serves various purposes incorporating a blend of traditional culture, manpower and modern eco-friendly technology like solar voltaic lighting, computer operation and access to information through traditional paintings and folk-songs.

Anando, the Bangladesh NGO working for unemployed youths, is to join the five-month long EXPO-2000 to be held in Germany to project the country's culture, innovations and human resources on their mobile vans.

Running its activities with German cooperation, Anando was selected by the EXPO-2000 authorities to present its project, "Development of Small Enterprises for Unemployed Youth" at the World Exposition, which will be held from June 1 to October 31 in Hanover, of Germany.

The theme of the day is to make consumers aware about the health hazards of genetically developed foods. Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) in a statement on the eve of the consumer rights day expressed concern over the flooding of spurious products in the market.

The statement issued by Kazi Farooq, General Secretary of CAB also expressed anguish for delay daily in enactment process of Consumer Protection Act (CPA).

The silence of the government regarding the act have been frustrating people of the country who have been being cheated everyday, the CAB Secretary said.

The CAB observed that if the Consumer Protection Act take to much time to be enacted then sufferings of the people will increase day by day.

The CAB leader urged the government to take effective measures to pass the Consumer Protection Act immediately.

He called upon consumers to be united for their rights. Meanwhile, Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) in a statement also emphasised on the necessity of Consumer Protection Act.

The statement said the country needs a new act as the previous one is ineffective. ADAB also demanded transparent functioning of the country's lone testing organisation - Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institutions (BSTI).

The BSTI should not only work for maintaining the standard of food but also for health service, education, gas, water supply, electricity, banking service and other service oriented organisations from where consumers are being deprived of services.

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Left Democratic Front (LDF) brought out a procession with a call not to sign deal with US on oil, gas resources in the city yesterday. — Star photo



A Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) procession in the city yesterday demanding release of VP Zainal and others. — Star photo

Samad Azad says Economic diplomacy major thrust of foreign policy

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said yesterday that the pursuance of economic diplomacy and consolidation of relationship with a number of important countries are the major thrusts of the country's foreign policy, reports BSS.

Presenting a talk on "Foreign Policy of Bangladesh" organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), he said, "Our prime need is to develop the country."

The foreign minister said "We must help our people to emerge from the vicious circle of poverty. We must strive to garner all available international opportunities", he added.

Highlighting various aspects of the foreign policy, Azad said the government wanted consolidation of our national interest.

4 NGOs to get Japanese assistance

Four Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) will receive grants totalling 245,221 US dollars (about Taka 1.2 crore) from Tokyo under four separate agreements signed on Monday with Japanese government.

The NGOs which will be benefited from the grants are Survival, Shapla Neer, Pallinayan and Janakallayan Sangstha (PJS) and Rishilipi Development Projects (RDP).

Kuzuyoshi Urabe, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh signed the grant contacts with Upendra Lal Chakma, President of Survival, Tetsuo Tsutsui, Director of Shapla Neer, Zohurul Hoque, Director of PJS and Vincenzo Felcone, Director of RDP. The funds to be received will be used in procuring medical equipment, books and for extending micro-credit.

JS body asks to remove disparities in Technical Education Act

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Agriculture was held yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with committee chairman Dr T I M Fazley Rabbi Chowdhury in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting laid emphasis on bringing dynamism to technical education for developing human resources.

It also asked the authorities concerned to take appropriate measures to formulate a new education policy, removing all disparities in the Technical Education Act in agricultural education.

Committee members Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury, Whip Mizanur Rahman Manu, Mohammad Imdadul Huq, Abul Kalam Azad Siddique, Mohammad Mojibar Rahman Sarwar and Albaj Abdul Wahab attended the meeting.

SUMMON/NOTICE

Artha Rin Adalat-3, Dhaka Money Suit Case No. 39/97

United Commercial Bank Ltd. Head Office : 60, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka Local Office - 58, Motijheel C/A P.S. Motijheel, Dist. Dhaka

-Versus-

S. A. Hasnath, Prop: of M/S.Venus Trading Co. S/O. Md. Abdul Khalik 4, Motijheel C/A P.S. Motijheel, Dhaka

It is hereby informed through the above notice to the defendant that the plaintiff United Commercial Bank Ltd. has filed the above noted money suit against you to realise Tk. 2,09,135.00 (Two lac nine thousand one hundred thirty five) only (out standing amount up to 28/2/97) and if you desire to contest above noted case you may appear before this court on or before 03-04-2000 and take necessary steps properly otherwise the suit will be heard in absence of you and disposed of accordingly.

Today this the day 30.01.2000 and seal of this court is given.

By order of the Court Mosharrif Hossain Bhuiyan Sherstadar Sub-Judge, Artha Rin Adalat No-3 Dhaka.

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5 Khatas of Land at Sector #12, Uttara/3 Bed room flat at Century Apartment, Maghbazar, Intiaz: 9128999, 9117788 C-249

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Two flats measuring 1400 sqft under construction are for sale, at Road 01, House 194 New DOHS, Motakhal, Dhaka. Contract: 8824343, 018215618. C-248

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People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Sunamganj R&H Division

RHD Short Notice Inviting Tenders

- Tender Notice No : 15/SRD/1999-2000.
- Name of work : Earth work in road embankment at 1st KM & 7th KM (P) of Pagla-Birgaon Bazar (with link to Korergaon) Road and earth work at 4th KM of Korergaon link road under Sunamganj Road Division during the year 1999-2000 in 3 (three) groups. (Ch. to 266 Dev)
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Time allowed : As per group list.
- Eligibility of contractors : As per group list.
- Name of the offices where tender documents will be available : Undersigned/Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Sylhet/M/bazar/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division-1 (P&D), Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Sunamganj/Chhatrak/Mechanical Sunamganj.
- Name of the officers who received the tenders : Undersigned/Add. Chief Engineer (RHD), Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Sylhet/Procurement and Monitoring Circle, Dhaka.
- Tender will be opened by : Undersigned
- Last date of selling : At 5-00 PM of 22-03-2000.
- Last date of receiving : At 12-30 PM of 23-03-2000.
- Date & time of opening tenders : At 12-30 PM of 27-03-2000.
- Date & time of lottery : At 1-00 PM of 28-03-2000. (If necessary)
- Group list

Gr. No.	Name of work & location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractors
I (one)	Earth work in road embankment at 1st KM of Pagla-Birgaon Bazar (with link to Korergaon) Road	Tk. 23,72,985/-	Tk. 47,460/-	45 (forty-five) days	"A" to "D" general categories of RHD
II (two)	-Do- at 7th KM (P) of -Do-	Tk. 20,68,200/-	Tk. 41,364/-	30 (thirty) days	-do-
	-Do- at 4th KM of Korergaon Link Road	Tk. 13,87,125/-	Tk. 27,743/-	-do-	-do-

N.T. Terms : i) Tender is floated for saving times. Work order will be issued according to the group list on availability of fund. No claim of the winning tenderer will be entertained if work order cannot be issued for shortage of fund. ii) Attention being drawn to the interested contractors to visit the site before submitting the tender.

Ali Ahmed Chowdhury Executive Engineer (RHD) Sunamganj Road Division. GD-246

Office of the Executive Engineer Narail O&M Division BWDB, Narail.

Corrigendum Notice For IFB No 3/1999-2000

The following corrigendum is hereby made in the IFB No 3/1999-2000 for the works under 1998 Post Flood Rehabilitation Project ID No 292/W-2 and 292/W-3.

"The bids will be received by the undersigned as well as by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Narail and the Superintendent of Police, Narail up to 12.00 hours of 29/03/2000 and will be opened in the office of the undersigned on 29/03/2000 at 13.00 hours in presence of the bidders who may like to be present."

Necessary corresponding corrections is hereby deemed to have been made in the bid notice published in The Daily Star on 28/02/2000 and Bid Notice of the office of the undersigned circulated under memo No T-3/184-222(39) dated 22/02/2000 in Section-1, (Art-8), in Section-II, Bidding data (Art 19.1 and 15.2 c) and where applicable.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged

Sk Nurul Ala Executive Engineer Narail O & M Division BWDB, Narail. PANI-378/1999-2000 GD-245

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

- Tender Notice No : 20/JRD/1999-2000.
- Name of work : Construction of flexible pavement at 2nd (P) KM of Joypurhat-Battali Road (side widening in town portion) under Road Division, Joypurhat during the year 1999-2000.
- Estimated cost : Tk 4,97,923/= only.
- Earnest money : Tk 9,960/= only.
- Head of accounts : 168 RBF.
- Time allowed : 25 (twenty-five) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Eligibility of : "A" to "E" general category contractor
- Name of offices : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Joypurhat/Bogra/ Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandah/Lalmonirhat/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Joypurhat.
- Name of offices : i) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur. ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Joypurhat/Bogra/ Rangpur/Kurigram/Gaibandah/Lalmonirhat.
- Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Up to 21/03/2000.
- Date & time of receiving tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 22-3-2000.
- Date & time for opening of tender box by other receiving officers : At 12-45 PM on 22-3-2000.
- Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : At 11-00 AM on 27-3-2000.
- Date & time of lottery (if required) : At 11-00 AM on 29-3-2000.

MD Abdur Rahim Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Joypurhat. DFP-5729-12/3 G-475

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Rahim Textile Mills Limited Notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting
Notice is hereby given that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of Rahim Textile Mills Ltd., 134 New Eskaton Rod, Dhaka, Will be held at 10.00 A.M. on 27th March 2000 at sohag Community Center, 91, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka to transact the following:
a) Special Resolution
This Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders would pass the following resolution as special resolution with or without amendment:
"Resolved that the shareholder agreed to issue right shares at 1 : 2 (Two right shares against each one existing share) at par among the existing shareholders whose name will appear in the Register of members on 27th March 2000", and as recommended by the Directors in the meeting held on 28th February 2000.
b) Ordinary Resolution
The shareholders would discuss and authorize the Managing Directors Mr. A. Matin Chowdhury to take all necessary steps to effect the above special resolution if approved.
By order of the Board
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Company Secretary

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